

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State medical establishments which have developed and maintained exceptional reputations for the excellence of their staff, facilities, and care; and

**Whereas**, Christian Hospital of St. Louis has attained considerable distinction in its one hundred year history for customizing service offerings to meet patient needs, especially in the areas of open-heart surgery, cancer care, emergency room treatment, and psychiatric and substance abuse programming; and

**Whereas**, with one of the busiest emergency departments in the state of Missouri, Christian Hospital offers emergency medicine twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week in addition to its Direct Care service for the treatment of minor medical problems, such as the flu, earaches, pulled or sprained muscles, minor cuts, and sore throats, at half the cost of a normal emergency visit; and

**Whereas**, Christian Hospital has attained many notable milestones during its century in operation, including opening its original facility in 1903, relocating to Grand Avenue in 1914, establishing the Christian Hospital Auxiliary in 1957, opening Christian Hospital Northwest in 1968 and Christian Hospital Northeast in 1975, creating an inpatient psychiatric unit in 1976, developing Critical Care as a specialty category between 1982 and 1985, initiating open-heart surgery in 1983, opening the Radiology Imaging Pavilion in 1986, jointly forming BJC HealthCare with Barnes Hospital and Jewish Hospital in 1993, welcoming medical students and surgical residents in 1995, creating an outpatient surgical wing in 1997, and pioneering B-type natriuretic peptide treatment for congestive heart failure in 2002; and

**Whereas**, with its “Legacy of Care” having begun in 1903, Christian Hospital celebrates “100 Years of Caring” in 2003 while it looks forward to the arrival of a “New Era” in 2004 when a new medical center will replace the venerable Christian Hospital Northwest campus:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant accomplishments and impressive history associated with Christian Hospital down through the years and to convey this legislative body’s heartiest congratulations to all of those involved in celebrating the hospital’s One Hundredth Anniversary of its founding; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Christian Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by Speaker Catherine L. Hanaway  
District No. 87

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4655, adopted November 14, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker